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The Senior Class has donated an outdoor music system, installed by Jim Fletcher, for its gift to the school.

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Seniors will appear in the next Blueprint issue.
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Acalanes students who participated in the First Annual High School Forensic Tournament earned 25% of the 12 speech awards. Bruce Shepard received a second place in Expository, Kelly Wisner a third in Oral Interpretations and Wendy Watson a superior rating in exposition. Mr. Reeves sincerely hopes we can have our own contest next year in order to select the most highly qualified speakers in this area.

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Los Amigos Decides Members Selected

Los Amigos has selected their new members for next year. They chose the following juniors, Linda Bartak, Jim Clapp, Kacy Cook, Steve Daniels, Laura Fogg, Dan Jones, Jim McClellan, Becky McKee, Sue Steinbach, Janie Stone, Rick Sullivan, and Wayne Wilkinson. They also chose these sophomores: Jeff Borowiak, Jeff Cook, Fred David, Lynn Eichberger, Rick Goggin, Lyn Keller, Gary Larsen, Sue Lincoln, Debbie Morrison, and Patt Prentice.

These students, as members of Los Amigos, will be responsible for greeting the new students of our school. They will be in charge of the "Get Acquainted Dance" and "Telephone Directory" for next year.

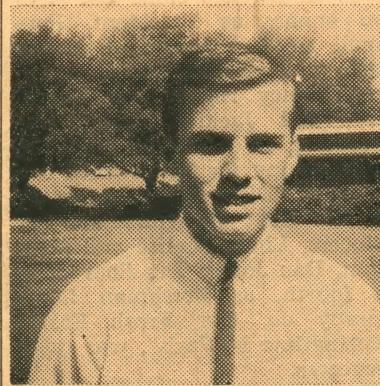
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Last summer 31 AHS students worked in the program in hospitals, schools, libraries, playgrounds, with handicapped and retarded children. There is room for many more this year.



Dan Boyle is the lucky boy who will attend Boys' State.

Cook, Boyle Feted; To Attend State

Dan Boyle has been recommended for Boys' State for this summer.

The objective of Boys' State is to educate youth in the duties, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

In Boys' State each boy, as he registers, is assigned to a "city area", and thereafter he is a "resident" of that city. From 35 to 40 boys are assigned to each city. As in Girls' State a group made up of several cities constitutes one county, and, together, all constitute the "State". The boys are divided, according to the order in which they register, into political parties, not Democrat and Republican, but Federalist and Whig — just so that the boys may see how political parties, as such, function under our form of government. The boys develop their own party platform and make their own controversial issues. All of their elections, whether city, county or State, are carried on according to the existing laws of California, applicable to governmental affairs.



Kacy Cook looks forward to attending Girl's State.

Girl's State is held annually on the campus of the University of California at Davis, 17 miles north of the State Capitol. The date is usually the third week in June. California Girl's State is part of a national youth-in-government program which is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary. The sponsorship of this program, in which all states participate, is a direct effort by the American Legion Auxiliary to

Reeves Attempt Influence

Change Speech Habits

The promise of an all out party for the future adults of Mr. Bruce Reeve's sophomore English classes has led to the formation of the "Word Propogator Society."

In an attempt to influence the speech habits of American society, Mr. Reeve's classes have chosen to insert two words into teenage lingo of the near future. There will be one word for good and one word for bad. Each person in his classes offered one suggestion for each word. These suggestions were written on the blackboard and voted upon with interesting results. If one means good, he should say "dank." To say bad one must use the inviting word of "skurd."

Mr. Reeves has great confidence that these words will become acceptable to use in any social circles. He states, "If either word appears in a legitimate dictionary during my lifetime, as defined by the sophomore classes under my command in 1965, I will be their host at a complete banquet at the Mark Hopkins, Fairmont, or St. Francis Hotel."

The "Word Propogation Society" will help to eliminate "skurd" words from our supposedly "dank" conversations.

provide citizenship training for a selected group of high school girls to instill in their minds a practical working knowledge of the structure of American Government.

Each girl as she arrives on campus is assigned to analytical "city" area and she is thereafter a resident of that city. Thirty-two to thirty-six girls are assigned to each city. A group of four cities, constitutes a county and all together they constitute one "state." As the girl is assigned to a city she is assigned to a political party, Whig or Tory, and the parties are divided equally. This enables the girls to see how political parties function under our form of government. The girls develop their own party platforms and formulate their own controversial issues. All elections at the city, county, and state level are carried out according to the existing laws of the state of California, applicable to govern such elections.

All city and political counselors are qualified trainee teachers. They live with the girls for the entire week. Their guidance and counselling give impetus to the session. Citizenship, not politics, is emphasized at Girls' State.

The girls learn that under the American system of government each can run for office, each can vote for the candidate of her choice and that each can have a voice and a part in shaping the policies and functions of government.

Kacy Cook has been chosen from Acalanes for this year's girls' state. Congratulations Kacy.

CALENDAR

- May 14—Musance, Small gym, 8:30
May 15—Track FAL Finals
May 18—CSF Field Trip
May 19—Spanish Honoray Field Trip, Badminton Tournament 3:00-5:00
May 20—Student Council
May 21—Senior Banquet, Small Gym 6:00-9:00
May 24—Yell leading tryouts 3:15 Cafeteria
May 25—Primary Pom-Pon try-outs.



Linda Westphal gives a sample of what will be seen tonight.

Musance Tonight! Dancers Featured

Tonight the Acalanes Music Department will present the 1965 **Musance**. This annual performance, which will begin at 8:30 combines the talent of all segments of the Music Department. The name "Musance" portrays this feeling of a combination of music, both instrumental and vocal, and dance to create a mood or effect. This intriguing combination of talent has in the past made for one of the most successful events on the school calendar. Undoubtedly this year will be no exception.

The Dance Group, under the direction of Miss Hamberger, is often considered the focal point of the entire performance. The Musance gives the public one of its few opportunities to see the girls carry out their intricate maneuvers on the dance floor. "The Blue Danube" and "Smetana," which will be performed tonight by the group, have no lead dancers and depend on the entire group to express the desired mood. The Dance Group does far more than just round out the performance, it helps to create a unique mood which the audience could derive from no other form of art.

The Baroque Orchestra and the Band, under the direction of Mr. D'Amante, will provide exceptional interpretations of the greatest classical masterpieces. The instrumental section of the Music Department, which has recently received well deserved honors at the San Rafael Music Festival, should provide indispensable support to the entire program.

Mr. Hansen's highly rated vocal section to the Music Department will also be given a chance to show its merits to the public tonight. The A Cappella Choir will highlight the vocal segment of the program, with support from other groups in the department. Dan Boyle, who had the lead in the Operetta, will solo, which should add appreciably to the audience enjoyment of the entire performance. The group as a whole will sing such famous works as "Ave Maria", which is one of their favorites. The Concert Choir and the Girl's Ensemble will add support to the A Cappella. To finish off the vocal entertainment, all segments of the vocal department will join to form a Grand Choir. The Musance is often considered the best showing of the excellent vocal section of the Music Department.

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JUNIOR PROFILES



Acalanes junior, Anne Jeffrey, has been chosen as Blueprint's junior profile for her many contributions to the school.

Anne was born and raised in California. As a matter of fact, she has never traveled outside of this state.

Although Anne has not had many travel experiences, she is an experienced student and an active member of the student body. Anne has been on CSF, chairman of the Model UN for two years, president of GAA, on Student Council the first semester of this year, and on spring Rally Committee. In addition, Anne is looking forward to being treasurer of AFS next year.

After spending the summer as a counselor at Camp Kennolyn in the Santa Cruz mountains, Anne is looking forward to her senior year at Acalanes. In the spotlight of her senior year will be a position on the staff of the yearbook, the Science Seminar Program, a position as PE instructor and Great Books.

Anne is especially interested in science and math. She plans to take a pre-med course at either Stanford or Pomona College after her graduation from Acalanes. She, at this time, wishes to specialize in pediatrics and surgery.

Physics, German IV, eating lunch outside, tennis, and golf are among Anne's favorites. She also enjoys teaching herself to play the banjo, however, she has little time to do so.

As for dislikes, Anne has none. She reveals herself as a mature individual by stating that she would rather look for the good than spend her time thinking about what she doesn't like.



A student who always has a ready smile and a friendly word for all — that's Tom Fitzsimmons, this month's "Junior Profile."

Active in many phases of school life, Tom this year is Junior Class Treasurer, Student Council Representative, member of the Rally Committee, Publicity Chairman for this year's "25th anniversary" festivities, Business Manager of the '65 Aklan, and prominent member of the swimming team.

In addition to his school activities, Tom enjoys kite-flying, riding with 10 people in his Volkswagen and rolling down grassy hills up Bear Creek Road. When asked if he had other hobbies, his comment was "There just isn't enough time for them." This isn't hard to believe, for besides homework (and flying kites), Tom works in a business office about 12 hours a week.

This summer Tom hopes to revisit Hawaii, where his sister is now living. He finds the "casual atmosphere" there very enjoyable. He enjoys, as well, the good weather, sandy beaches, and beauty. Tom also plans to spend many hours working at the Martinez County Hospital, observing surgical techniques. He is thinking seriously of taking pre-med courses at college, hopefully, UCLA.

Fitz, as he's known by all, can be recognized in many different ways. First of all, he is perhaps the only truly happy person among the masses here at Acalanes. He enjoys people. Secondly, he can be recognized by observing him while he incessantly is out of class. After school, his grey VW with dozens of kids surrounding it, pinpoint Fitz. The record number now is an even dozen — with one hanging out the sun roof. There are no secrets, believe me, in a car like that. And perhaps this is the secret of Fitz's popularity. He keeps no secrets; he is an open person.

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By Joyce Cottrell and Becky McKee

A couple of weekends ago, there was a dance in Orinda. We hear that Donna deVarona honored her fans with her presence. We also hear that Sue Spragens, while at the dance, made black foot-marks all over the place. Could you please explain that, Sue?

Now that the weather is getting warmer, it seems many of the styles of clothes, etc . . . have changed. Maybe the students' styles reveal their real personality. Now take John Merrill, the sterling editor of "Heap of the Month", and his T-shirt with an inscription on it . . . well, maybe we'd better not use John as an example. What about the 6th period P.E. girls who don't even snap their gym-suits. Really girls! And then there are the swim suit combinations worn by some of Bebe Brigante's more illustrious friends. Do you think they really flatter you, Janny, Linda, and Becky???

It seems that daylight savings time fooled everyone. By the way, Bob, do your clocks work now? It even seems Mr. Dressler was late for school a week or so ago. As the story goes, he said, he set all his clocks forward except his alarm clock, which he set back. Could that really happen? Oh well, we can't question a teacher.

With graduation not far away, the seniors will soon be waltzing gayly down the halls before the eyes of the envious lower classmen. Everyone beware of senioritis!!!!



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JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The Class of '66 is just completing its third year at Acalanes and will have its chance to show how much it has matured during these three years. We will see how capable this class is of running, and practically owning, the school. The years are filled with many individual memories but the memories of the class as a whole are worth reviewing also.

We began our freshman year with all the usual excitement of orientation, the first day of school, and the Get Acquainted Dance. After we all had settled down and tried to gain a coat of self-assurance, we had our first elections. Dan Jones came out with top honors as President, Pete Small as Vice President, Ouida Cash was elected Social Secretary, Nancy Harter was Secretary, and Jackie Caddel was Treasurer. We entered into the Homecoming festivities with our theme of "Discovery of America" for the float on which sat our princess, Linda Scalise and president, Dan Jones. The float came in fourth, as Freshman floats usually do. Our Frosh Frolic, "Springtime in Paris", was quite a success.

The Class of '66 ended its Frosh year preparing for the next. To lead us through our Sophomore year, we elected Dave Stewart as President, Pete Small was re-elected Vice President, Becky McKee was Social Secretary, Sue Steinbach was Treasurer and Nancy Harter was Citizenship Committee Representative. Our float, "Flower Drum Song", took third during Homecoming with Sue Steinbach as princess. Our fall dance, "The Harvest Hop", featured the King Brothers.

Then we rushed into our first year as upper classmen, led by Mike Pickett as President, Dave

Shank as Vice President, Janie Stone as Social Secretary, Nancy Harter as Secretary, Tom Fitzsimmons as Treasurer, and Becky McKee as Citizenship Committee Representative. "Alice in Wonderland", our Homecoming float, took second this year, with the lucky Lynette Leonard playing the part of Alice, our princess. We kept the wonderland theme in our Junior Prom, "Wonderland by Night", with the Night Caps playing.

Now, here we are, the Junior Class, ready to take the next, and biggest step to our Senior Year. Our student body and class officers will guide us through our last Homecoming, our last Mardi Gras, our Senior Ball, and finally our graduation, diploma, and Senior All Night.

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HEAP OF THE MONTH

Being the Junior issue, the Blueprint staff decided it's appropriate for a junior to be the owner of this issue's Heap of the Month. Therefore, after careful deliberation and shrewd observation, one car came to mind. Having right-hand drive and costing but fifty dollars (although it cost three times that to make it operational) is Bud Stanley's 1951 Singer.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the car is its right-hand drive. (It was made in England.) It seats four (comfortably?) and as yet is completely open—no top. Turn signals are illuminated flaps that emerge from inside when desired. Other features include a wooden grill, although it may be replaced, leather seat covers, and not paint as yet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The purpose of this letter is not to foment a revolt but simply enlist public support in an attempt to change the election system here at Acalanes. It is my opinion that this present system is compiled of unreasonable dictates of an administration that in no way or stretch of the imagination could be deemed as liberal. The present restrictions limit campaigning to such an extent to take both purposes of fun and of competition out of the "campaign."

Previous elections have certainly been more active, interesting, and persuasive. Forty-foot posters have decorated Lafayette business establishments, huge balloons and lye have adorned the hill opposite Acalanes, and thousands of postcards have been sent through the mail asking candidate support. During last week's campaign at Miramonte, literally thousands of posters were allowed, giving the election an open atmosphere. Here, six, just six, posters can be made, under a size limitation of two square yards. Bluh!

I certainly see reason for the maximum cost limitation, and I even can see reason for the absence of lye on the neighboring hill, but why the other limita-

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FEATURE TEACHER

Our school would have little need for lawn mowers if Mr. Dessler could sit on the lawns all day. It seems he is nervous and is always fidgeting. During his interview as this month's feature teacher, he pulled up all the grass around him merely to keep busy.

It is interesting and perhaps shocking to learn why Mr. Dessler teaches junior English. Surprisingly enough, he actually likes juniors and isn't trying to punish many 17-year-olds by teaching third year English. He finds juniors vital and alive. He dislikes teaching the other grades, his reasons being more than mere hearsay. After having taught the other levels of high school English, he finds that the freshmen and the sophomores are flighty, and that the seniors contract

senioritis about this time each year.

Mr. Dessler has several interests, but a lack of coordination is causing a problem with his latest endeavor, woodwork. He doesn't understand how Mr. Thom can tolerate his "stupidity and uncoordination." Mr. Dessler also enjoys gardening and mosaic work. His main ambition this summer seems similar to that of Marilee Wade. That is, to get as black as possible. Unfortunately, Marilee is a little tanner than he.

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EDITORIAL

Unsolved Problems

There seems no more appropriate place to discuss the problems of Acalanes than in the Junior Issue. The Student Body Officers and the Senior Class of next year will inherit many problems. One of these problems is outstanding and seemingly insurmountable.

This most important and difficult-to-solve problem that the officers especially will face is the total apathy which has taken hold in Acalanes. Minor inroads were made into the problem this year, however. The reorganization of the "rally" system along with the spirit shown the basketball team this year will result, hopefully, in more spirit next year.

The problem remains, though, of getting people who are not involved in extra-curricular activities and of getting people who don't give a hoot what happens to the school to start participating and caring.

This year, well over ninety percent of the measures passed in Student Council originated with the Student Body Officers. Apparently the students are satisfied with everything the way it is. If this is true, the Acalanes Student Body is in truly bad shape, for the worst thing that can happen to an individual or a group is to become placid and unconcerned about constructive change.

I can fairly say, though, that if the students next year display the same lack of enthusiasm they showed this year, nothing the officers do, regardless of how bad it is, will do the students injustice.

Dick Lee

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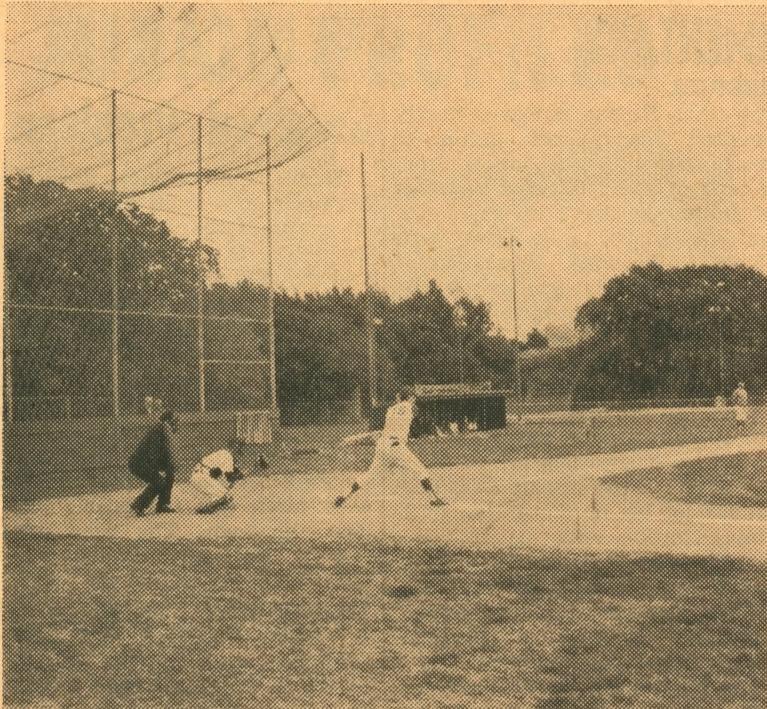
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THE CHUMPTIONS

Clad in their knickers, blue socks and hats
Lugging the ball bag, toting the bats.
They waltz through pre-game with nary a boot,
Their nonchalant style to the fans sure looks cute.
They gather in the dugout to charge onto the field,
Assuring each other no errors they'll yield.
Top of the first, with one man away,
A grounder to short, oops — missed the play.
So one man is on, they yell "Shoot a pair,"
The man heads for second, but no one is there.
The throw goes to center, the runner to third,
But still from the bench a confident word.
The next man steps in, with a cautious look,
The coach yells "No hitter, a K in the book."
The length of the homer he hits to right
Makes one ask as he follows the flight,
Just how far the ball would have flown
If he HAD been a hitter, for slugging known.
The pitcher bears down, the next two go fast,
"We're only two down, we'll get 'em back fast."
But three men come up and are just as soon out,
Then back out they run — no use to pout.
The second begins in much the same way,
A walk and a boot on a sure double play.
Another man crosses, so now they're three down,
But back up they come to "hit it downtown."
With nobody out two straight get hits,
The fans in the stands are having fits.
A liner to short, both men on their way,
From second to first, a triple play!

"This isn't our day, they're getting the breaks"
The boys tell themselves, overlooking mistakes.
Five innings pass, it remains three to 0,
The other team's pitcher whiffs ten in a row.
Last of the eighth, with nobody out,
The home team gets their longest clout.
It dribbles to shortstop, rolling so slow,
That the runner can easily outleg the throw.
"It looks like a rally," the cry from the stands,
The fans stomp their feet and clap their hands.
The coach tips his hat, the steal sign is on,
But the throw is on target, one man is gone.
Thus ends the "rally," one frame to go,
Three more outs to make a show.
All three come quickly to end the game,
No one gets on, the score stays the same.
The Batsmen of Mattson today have failed,
Our boys have lost, the Turtle's been shelled.
Now maybe you're wondering who I'm writing of,
These men with holes in bats and gloves.
The Mets and the Senators have now come-a-long,
I'm speaking, of course, of the Acalanes' Dons.
Dale Windes

Don Nine Lose Four; Beat Weak Cougars

The San Ramon Wolves combined nine hits with errorless ball to crush our young Don baseball team, 5-0.

The Wolves scored once in the first inning, three times in the third, and once again in the sixth.

Dale Speyer connected for the only Don hits of the game, with a double in the fifth inning and a single in the seventh.

Our Dons had a very rough day on the diamond, not only in hitting but also in fielding. The team had five errors for the day.

The Alhambra Bulldogs were lucky enough to get away with a 7-5 win over our Dons. The Bulldogs led going into the last inning 7-2. The mighty Dons started a rally which should have nipped the Bulldogs.

Jim Stevens led off the inning with a single, Jim Lavick walked, Denny Johnson was safe on an error. Another Don error and another walk left the score 7-5,

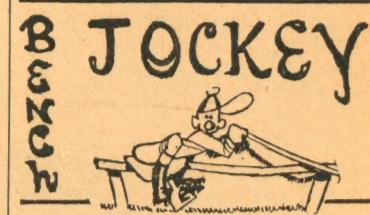
two runners in scoring position and none away. But a sacrifice followed by two strikeouts killed the rally. Better luck next time, Dons.

The persistent Dons started out their second round of league play with a narrow 3-2 loss to Del Valle. All of the runs scored for both sides came in the second inning. Our Dons scored first on back-to-back singles by Dale Speyer and Gary Shaw, a fielder's choice by Brandon Savage, and two Del Valle errors.

Our mighty Dons posted their second league win and first winning shutout of the season with a 4-0 victory over Campolindo. Don scoring came in the first inning when Scott Suprizo hit a triple, Steve Mercier hit a single, and Dale Speyer hit a home run.

Jim Stevens scored an insurance run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Jim Lavick went all the way on the mound for the win.



By KEN JONES

This issue being the Junior Issue I have decided to dispense with the general remarks made on each of the sports which typify this column and name one outstanding Junior Athlete of the Year. It seems that the athlete we have chosen has been mentioned in connection with most of the major sports with remarkable regularity throughout this year and preceding ones. This versatile athlete who is often one of the outstanding men in the sports he participates in, is, in case you haven't guessed, Jim Tucker.

At the beginning of the year you saw Jim play always good, usually excellent, football at the important and difficult position of quarterback. Proof of his depth in this sport can be seen by his being named Athlete of the Week for his performance in the varsity game at Piedmont on Oct. 9, 1964.

As the year continued you saw him participate in what might be termed the school sport, basketball. Though there was strong competition to be contended with in making the team, not to mention the under-estimated competition within our league, Jim was not, by any means, shown up. Following the Del Valle Tournament he was chosen as all-tournament forward.

Now, with the spring season underway we find Jim on the varsity baseball squad as a shortstop and sometimes pitcher. Much of our team's little depth and experience is found in Jim Tucker.

It is obvious that Jim, along with the other outstanding juniors — and there are many of them — will comprise the major strength in most sports next year. If these other juniors exert a great effort as has Jim there is no doubt that Acalanes will emerge as a major threat once again.

STRONG TRACK PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S VARSITY

The Acalanes varsity track squad, though competing against very strong competition, has already managed to rack up numerous individual as well as occasional team victories. This fact is impressive inasmuch as this year's crew is one of the youngest. Mentor Charlie Eaton has ever had. Comprised mostly of juniors, the team will be essentially the same next year except for the loss of Ron Elliot, Bob Eames, John Merrill, Rick Pinger, Larry Liles, Don Lively, and a few others.

Frank Cunningham in the long jump, Bob Riner in the high jump, Bob Eames in the hurdles, Mike Johnson in the 2 mile, and Ron Elliot in the distance races, have each been consistent in their specialty. A pleasant surprise has been the emergence in recent weeks of Brett Bullen as excellent

quarter-miler. Adding depth and versatility to the squad are Senior John Merrill and junior Greg Moore. Merrill, who regularly competes in the 440, dashes, and long jump; and Moore, who runs the 100 and 220, are also consistent point winners.

In the field events, Acalanes has a fine young shot putter in Paul Ferry. Paul, who will be shooting for the 50 foot mark next year, also spins the discus for Coach Eaton. Another bright spot is Soph Doug Rommreich. Doug cleared the 5'10" mark against Los Lomas and appears destined to follow Bob Riner as a 6' plus jumper.

The varsity 880 relay team, comprised of juniors Greg Moore, Brett Bullen, and Steve Radcliffe, and Senior John Merrill, have combined on several occasions to produce duel as well as relay meet victories.

With the aid of stars such as Dick Clarkson, Randy Knudson, Dan Jones, and others from the championship B squad Acalanes should emerge as a major threat in next year's FAL race.

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